

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 24-25.

At page 5, line 12, please insert the section heading —BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS—

At page 5, line 23, please insert the section heading —DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION—

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

—A channel decoder for a digital broadcast receiver having a synchronization byte detector for detecting synchronization bytes in a decoded transmission signal. The synchronization byte detector provides a synchronization signal indicating a start of frame for transport stream packets in the decoded transmission signal and provides a lock detected output signal indicating the lock-in of the receiver to one broadcast channel. The lock detected output signal is used as at least one of a feed forward signal and a feed back signal to switch processing stages at least one of succeeding and preceding, respectively, said synchronization byte detector into a different mode dependent on whether or not a lock has been achieved.—